

EXCERPTS FROM HEARINGS OF
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS
FEBRUARY 21, 1973

Senator ~~Michael J. Mansfield (D), Montana - P. 16~~
from Hearings of SFRC, Feb 21, 73

"The Nixon Doctrine as I understand it calls for the gradual withdrawal of our forces all over the world and a greater dependence on the nations with whom we have ties, with the United States furnishing, in specific instances, only logistical support."

Senator ~~Michael J. Mansfield (D), Montana - P. 17~~

"So I look at this picture, the things that I have been arguing for have, in effect, been achieved. I realize that there is a price attached to such an agreement and after to see the details, after proposal, are made to Congress, it is my intention, insofar as I possibly can, to support proposals of that nature because I wanted the war to end. I wanted our men withdrawn. I wanted our POW's and recoverable MIA's returned home. Those are the factors in which I was most interested. Therefore, I will be most interested and, insofar as I am able, most supportive in any negotiations which led to commitments of various kinds which have not yet been consummated, because I think you have to balance the one against the other."

Senator Clifford P. Case (R), New Jersey - P. 19

"Our aim in Indochina should be to make the countries, insofar as we can, what they were before all this trouble started. With that qualification I fully support the concept of foreign assistance and I do not think it any way derogates from our ability to do what we properly should do at home."

Senator Hugh Scott (R), Pennsylvania - P. 27

"On the question of aid to Viet-Nam, I agree with you (Secretary of State Rogers) it would be better not to be frozen into any position because we have no way of knowing what suggestion will come up in regard to possible bilateral or U.S. aid."

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"Second, we must urge the government in Saigon to move toward a political accomodation with all elements of their society. Without such an accomodation, the war cannot be ended, and it si clear that the American people will not support an indefinite war either by our presence or by proxy."